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SUBJECT: SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR SINGAPORE

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1. ON BASIS SIMILAR REQUEST FROM SEOUL IN FEBRUARY, DEPT
QUERIED BOSTON, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, LOS ANGELES AND
PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRAS WHICH ALL TOURING JAPAN EITHER
IN 1977 OR 1978. NONE WERE ABLE TO EXTEND TOUR FURTHER.

2. WEEKLY FEE FOR MAJOR SYMPHONY RANGES FROM DOLS 80,000
TO DOLS 100,000 DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS
WITH ORCHESTRA MEMBERS. PER PERFORMANCE FEES RANGE FROM
DOLS 18,000 TO DOLS 25,000. THIS FIGURE MAY OR MAY
NOT INCLUDE PER DIEM. ORCHESTRA NUMBERS FROM 110 TO 120
MEMBERS PLUS ABOUT 12,000 POUNDS EQUIPMENT PLUS PERSONAL
BAGGAGE OF 7000 TO 8000 POUNDS. TWO PLANES OFTEN NEEDED
TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. AS EXAMPLE,
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THREE WEEK EUROPEAN TOUR COSTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD DOLS 600,000.

3. IN VIEW RECENT EXPERIENCES WITH ORCHESTRAS IN
EASTERN EUROPE AND SOVIET UNION, POST AND DEPT OFFICERS
HAVE HAD SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHETHER LOGISTICAL
PROBLEMS, PLUS MONEY, TIME AND EFFORT EXPENDED BY DEPT AND
POSTS AND LOCAL SPONSORS ARE WORTH ONE OR TWO PERFORMANCES,

NO MATTER HOW SUCCESSFUL ARTISTICALLY. DEPT
HAS CONCLUDED IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY IT WILL SPONSOR
ORCHESTRA TOURS FOR NEXT FEW YEARS, UNLESS BUDGET
SITUATION CHANGES DRAMATICALLY.

4. SINCE CONCEPT OF PRIVATE COOPERATION WITH
BUSINESS FIRMS ABROAD IS SOUND AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED,
SUGGEST PROPOSAL BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE MORE FEASIBLE
PERFORMING ARTS ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS CHAMBER ORCHESTRAS,
SMALL BALLET AND MODERN DANCE COMPANIES, JAZZ GROUPS
AND ACADEMIC TROUPES.
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